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## ON THE ROAD TO KANDALUSAN

On Monday, March 12th, I was told to get ready to start in an hour for Dainy. I did not take five minutes to get ready, for I had no packing to do, and at daybreak I set out with—or, rather, "in custody of"—a young soldier called T. Hara. Hara San, who speaks English well, was a delightful traveling companion, and, moreover, quite a character in his way, possessing as he did, in an exceptional degree, the Japanese qualities of tact, good humor and physical endurance. He said to me, "Sir you will be much civilized when you reach Dainy," meaning that I would have an opportunity of getting a good wash, and I thanked him for this pleasing, but well intentioned comment on my personal appearance.

Impervious to Christianity. During our little trip to Dainy Private Hara taught me some Japanese and discussed all sorts of subjects with me from the most trifling to abstruse problems of philosophy, and his smile, his "aliveness" and his fine teeth were my entertainment all the way. In sooth, he was a very engaging little fellow, and if Japanese priests from Oxford or Maynooth think he makes a good impression on a Japanese philosopher by confessing that he believes in Christianity he errs gravely; in fact, he might as well seek to make an impression on his Japanese friend by assuming that he is one of an ancient band of believers who hold that the earth is flat. In short, the Japanese regard the extraordinary delusion about Christianity as the one weak point in the European intellect.

Permitted Religious Services. Hara said that the Japanese Generals had no religion and, so far as he was concerned, that settled it. He told me that there were Buddhist and Shinto priests in the army, some attached to the forces in the capacity of chaplains, some wearing the uniforms of private soldiers which they temporarily discarded for the sacred robes whenever the necessity arose, but that, though the officers attended their services, they "did not believe in them."

This does not, however, prevent these officers from encouraging simpler soldiers to wear Buddhist amulets and phylacteries, so that in no way, even in the faith in supernatural assistance, would the Russians have the advantage of them. The Japanese have already adopted the Russian hashike, and at Shizuoka I have heard shades of soldiers engaged in a cheering fight with a Russian. Christianity is found to increase the fanaticism of the soldier and to lessen his fear of death the Japanese will also adopt it.

A long residence in the far East is calculated to shake one's faith in Christianity. You find non-Christian tribes and nations contain about the average number of respectable citizens. If you bring forward the good points of Christianity, the educated heathen will promptly dig up some of the same kind out of Buddhism or Confucian theory. The sight of the Russian prisoners saying their prayers three times a day amid a circle of their polite but incredulous conquerors is, after all, a superstition, and that the agnostic Japanese are right.

The above is from the Cincinnati Enquirer. Articles like that are what are constantly impressing the people with the unreasonableness of all the miraculous parts of all religions, the Christian religion included.

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL AND THE APE. Berlin, June 23.—The greatest contemporary German scientist, Prof. Ernest Haeckel, of the University of Jena, has been delivering a series of lectures in Berlin on science and religion.

Prof. Haeckel is the greatest German exponent of the Darwinian theory of evolution, and his lectures were strongly materialistic and atheistic in character.

It is significant of the skepticism prevalent in the German capital that he was accorded enthusiastic ovations by the great crowds assembled every time he appeared on the platform of the largest hall in the city.

The nature of Prof. Haeckel's views on science and religion is best shown by the following extracts from his lecture on the descent of man. "It is certain that man descended from apes. It is only regarding the details of genealogy of the human race that the opinions of scientists differ.

It is easy to understand that the knowledge of our descent from apes is unpleasant to many people. Man is like the parvenue who resents all references to his obscure ancestors. Much more is known about the descent of man than regarding the evolution of the lower animals. The opponents of the evolutionary theory of human descent have been unable to prove that it is fallacious."

Prof. Haeckel then proceeded to explain why he denies that man has a soul. He said: "The soul is supposed to have divine origin. Those who believe this do not explain why the Almighty decided to create souls just at the time when man appeared in the animal life of the world. When those who believe in God say, 'Man is the image of God,' we must remind them of the contrary that men have always conceived God according to their own conception of the ideal.

"Observation of the developments of a child's 'soul' shows that it has no connection with the divine. 'The belief in the divine origin of the soul is closely connected with the belief in the immortality of the soul. The theory of the immortality of the indefensible. The idea of immortality is by no means universal as is often stated. The Ionic philosophers knew nothing of the immortality of the soul.

"The idea of immortality was not part of the Moslem religion, but appeared after the period of the Israelites' exile. Plato and Aristotle introduced the theory of immortality. 'What is known as man's 'soul' is contained in his cerebral matter. If the lowest types of the human race are compared with apes, the conclusion is inevitable that the difference between the human 'soul' and the 'soul' of apes is a matter of quality, not of degree. The human soul and the soul of apes are absolutely identical in character."

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## DEPTH OF FEELING

MANIFESTED IN CHINA OVER AMERICAN EXCLUSION

Pekin, June 27.—The question of Chinese exclusion from the United States continues chiefly to occupy the attention of the Chinese. The depth of feeling manifested astonishes foreigners and is regarded as an evidence of a growth of a national sentiment of public spirit which five years ago would have been inconceivable. Among many instances cited as evidence of this, it is said that a Chinese comprador has refused a lucrative appointment with an American company.

Advertisements of American goods continue to be refused by the native newspapers, and letters and telegrams from all parts of China, as well as from abroad, are being received, urging the central Government to take a firm stand.

The chief obstacle is the question of exclusion of coolies from Hawaii and the Philippines. It is urged that there is no reasonable objection to the landing of coolies in Hawaii, where they do not compete with American labor, while Chinese immigration has long been established in the Philippines.

These points the Chinese regard as essential, out it is thought unlikely that they will be conceded by the American Government, hence the settlement China yesterday proposed to send a special mission to Washington, but American Minister Doolittle declined to entertain the idea.

The Chinese deplore the risking of American good will, but claim to have genuine, legitimate grievances. "The American," the "hag-eyes" of goods from the United States continues, and the anti-American campaign is increasing in vigor. The Chinese Minister has applied to the Board of Foreign Affairs to check the movement, and Viceroy Yuan, of Chi Li Province, has issued a proclamation on the subject, but its efficacy is considered doubtful.

While America excludes China, it allows 1,000,000 subject, annually, most of whom are the rotemest scum from all parts of Europe, and from other parts of Asia to emigrate here and become citizens under the five year act, and to create labor strikes, anarchy, free love, socialism and serfs.

They belong to the churches, most Catholic, and are ready for anything except to assist the ignorant negroes and women to uphold the worthless priests and parsons. Therefore, if Bro. C. C. Moore and Mrs. Henry can see any sign of, or cause for, better times and for happiness present or future, they can see further through the veil than I can. There is not an editor of any newspaper, or religious paper, or any writer in any magazine that can beat C. C. Moore of the Blue Grass Blade. His editorial in the Blue Grass Blade of July 2nd, under the head "The Courier-Journal is making atheistic moralists," is based on plain, cold facts, and should be read by every intelligent person, infidel or Christian, in America.

There is a worthless class, mostly foreigners, in this country, who are too low-bred and too lazy to work for an honest living, and to help to pay the post and parson who have been excluded from the church for their immoral and beastly conduct, that even the church could not tolerate and hold her grip, that have crept under the banner of infidelity, the only moral sect of people in this country, to ply their trade and game of anarchy, socialism, free love, and labor strikes, and who wave the red flag at honest, working man and woman in this once free country that was established by infidels who fought under the Union flag.

The European leaders of this worthless set are now contending with JOHN D. FARRIS. Timbo, Arkansas.

When this government was established by its infidel founders, it was proclaimed to be a home and refuge

for the poor and distressed of all nations.

Now the most valuable laborer in the whole world, the Chinaman, is excluded, and rich and worthless European titled snobs are invited here to marry our rich women, and this in the face of the fact that millions of square miles of fine land in this country are uncultivated for the want of laborers to do it, the very class of people who are declaiming against the Chinese, being the worthless set who around the big cities will not work themselves and will not let anybody else work, and who, with all this fine uncultivated land are clamoring to have the improved lands of the honest and working people divided out among them.

The Jap-Russian war has lately shown us that the Japs are the most moral people on the earth and the Chinese are almost the same people. But it is a "heathen Chinese," and the Europeans that come here are Christians, and the papers of to-day, July 14th, state that Roosevelt has assured Samuel Gompers and James Duncan, leaders and instigators of the Chinese outrage that the Chinamen shall not be allowed to come to America.

The Chinese are atheists and Roosevelt called Paine "a filthy little atheist."

### KIDDERISTICS.

Preaching truth and looking for faith is like preaching lies and looking for doubt.

Truth dressed, is over-dressed.

Laziness is the hypocritical brother of fatigue.

Too much theory is the scare-crow of practice.

Better have nothing to say and say it, than something to say and say it all. We credit even the silent fool with keeping back wisdom.

Few can be impressive without being oppressive.

As to Darwinism, those that haven't ascended have descended.

When a man begins to hope he stops doing anything to justify it.

Faith is admissible on the seventh day, if you doubt on the other six.

Sentiment is the perfume of love; marriage, its disinfectant.

It's hard to cure a doubt without doubting the cure.

A new saying is an old thought delivered by a crank.

A Te Deum is a Bray set to music.

Definition of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches; Damn 'er. Damn.

The worst woman is as worse than the worst man as the best woman is better than the best man.

"Reformers don't reform themselves," because no man can be a specialist on two things.

We hate the talkative man who doesn't mind his own business; suspect the silent man who does.

I'm no Anarchist. But, if I'm to choose between "divine right" and dynamite, give me dynamite.

When a man can conceive of immaculate conception, a woman can conceive by it.

Anna Shaw says: "Any fool can have a baby." I bet she can't.

When you hatch a Chinese baby from a china egg, I'll expect three thirds of a man from one third of a God.

As well say the wrong thing at the right time, as the right thing at the wrong time. The reception of a creep depends not on its logic, but on the receptive state of the hearers. Jesus Christ, Joe Smith and Dowie "fed their sheep" when the animals were hungry for anything new. So it is with writing for a paper or proposing to a woman.

If all my articles had been accepted I'd be a Croesus. If all my girls had married me, I'd be a Brigham Young. All of which goes to show that fools, editors and women are somewhat similar.

When striving for effect we generally achieve defect. For this reason ignorant people and niggers write the best letters. Such people use simple language to convey their meaning.

Cultivate the grandeur of simplicity. The lion's roar doctored by Beethoven would lose its sublimity. Herbert Spencer thinks like a god and talks like a fool. The difference between Herb and a preacher is: One uses the incomprehensible to explain the comprehensible; the other, the comprehensible to explain the incomprehensible.

Think of Spencer explaining the Trinity! O, Mamma!

Freethought lacks money for its believers, but for its dabblers. To be in the minority with neither present pay for friends nor permanent punishment for enemies is sad indeed.

When I'm asked, "What do you ever think that the world would be without religion?" In answer, "I too busy thinking what it is with it." M. GRIER KIDDER.

### INGERSOLL MEMORIAL PICNIC

To Be Held in Moffitt's Grove, near Newton, Iowa, August 13th, 1905.

The annual Liberal picnic held in E. B. Moffitt's Grove, near Newton, Iowa, will be in memory of Col. R. G. Ingersoll. C. A. Winkle of Chicago, editor of the Gatling Gun, and one of the foremost orators of the Central West will deliver the address. There will also be music, recitations and other entertainments to make the picnic as pleasant as well as profitable. Remember the date, Sunday, August 13th, and make preparations to attend.

To live so radiantly, so happily and so hopefully that those who come in touch with us shall be made gladder and better for the contact—this should be the supreme aim of every one's ambition.

It is well to be cheerful for our own sakes, for our own health and success, but it is better to be cheerful from the desire to make others happy. So much is said about the necessity for maintaining a uniformly cheerful state of mind. Physicians recognize as never before how powerfully mental conditions affect the body. It has been demonstrated that thoughts of fear, despondency, hatred, malice and the like have the effect of poisoning the physical system, and that thoughts of an opposite nature serve to promote health.

So it is becoming quite the fashion to be cheerful from selfish motives merely. But to keep happy and serene because thereby one preserves his health, his looks or his power to please is not the highest motive.

In the end it is much more likely to find his health improved if he practices cheer for the sake of others than if he does so for the specific purpose of benefitting himself. After all, the greatest benefits to self are attained through altruism.

We owe it to every one with whom we associate to live and think habitually to create about ourselves a luminous atmosphere of happiness so positive that all who come into our world are aware of a renewing influence.

Don't say that in a universe as big as this your thinking does not count. Every one's thinking counts. Every one's life counts. It does matter very greatly whether you live indifferently or whether you live gloriously. You have your particular place in the vast system of things that makes the universe. When you fail to live to your highest the lack is felt throughout the entire machinery. Be glad. Be sunny. Be a glowing center of happiness. Every one you meet needs the stimulus you can give.—Angela Morgan in the Commercial Tribune.

The Youthful Critic—Watching her papa while he was constructing his sermon, she innocently inquired: "Does God do you any good?" "Yes, my child, God tells me." "Then what do you scratch out for?" The gospel expounder was silent.

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# WOMAN AND THE BIBLE

A LANCE BROKEN ON BEHALF OF WOMAN.

BY JOSEPHINE K. HENRY

(Continued from last Blade.)

Now, there's Lot's wife. The sacred historian did not think her worthy of a name of her own. May be Mrs. Lot rejoiced in having her individuality merged in that of her husband, just as the women of our day, who parade in newspaper society notes and Mrs. Tom, Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Harry, Mrs. Gov. and Mrs. Gen. and Mrs. Dr.

The women of the ages who have been disposed to be rebellious, have been warned with "Remember Lot's Wife." But it was not warned worth a cent. The woman with a will of her own and the woman with "views," is here in all her glory. (Any married man will testify to that). And she is here to stay. When God determined to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone, the angel of the Lord warned Lot and his family with these words: "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee." Mrs. Lot disobeyed the angel's command, and woman like she looked back. If the angel told her "look back" she would have looked straight ahead. This is the nature of women. The sex systematically do what they are told not to do, and do not do what they are told to do.

Now, Mrs. Lot for her disobedience was "turned into a pillar of salt." Lot's wife is the first woman on record that ever had a monument, and it is said it is standing "to this day." And the women of all ages have had this monument pointed out to them to make them afraid.

I reverence the memory of Mrs. Lot, because she looked back to see if her husband and daughters were safe though, according to holy writ they were not worth saving.

Mrs. Lot's womanly heart was a battle ground of love and duty, and I am glad that she secured for herself a monument that has defied the ravages of time. She would never have had one any other way.

Well now, as to Rachel. The record says, "Rachel was beautiful and well favored."

According to the Bible all the "holly women of old" were beautiful and "fair to look upon," just as in our day according to newspaper notices, all brides are beautiful and all grooms wealthy.

Well, Jacob met Rachel at the well, and after a short acquaintance the book says "Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted up his voice and wept."

What on earth did he weep about? Whoever heard of a young man setting up a weep because he had kissed a pretty girl? The young men of this day do not follow Jacob's weeping example. It often happens in our day when a young man wants to bestow his attentions and kisses on a pretty girl and she rejects them, the young man whips out his knife or pistol and plays the murderous role to perfection.

Jacob asked Rachel's papa, Laban, for his daughter, and said he would serve seven years for her. Laban was a nancier and he knew Jacob's service was the cheapest hired help he could get, so he promised him help. At the end of the seven years the wily Laban palmed off his daughter Leah on Jacob as a bride. After a family jar that shook the region round about Jacob said he would serve seven years more for Rachel. Jacob got himself into a pretty pickle. We are told that the sisters Leah and Rachel, fired by jealousy, hated each other, that "Jacob hated Leah, and Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel," and Leah in deadly spite, "each gave her maid to Jacob to wife." Jacob submissively accepted them and he tacitly became a creature of barter and sale. Laban and Jacob had a hot encounter in which they employed some choice language, and Laban told Jacob to take the girls and everything else, but he was "bound to have his gods."

Now it turned out that Rachel had stolen her papa's gods and was sitting on them, and when he came into her tent hunting for them, she denied knowing anything about them. Rachel was an all round woman, disceptive, crafty, domineering, and dishonest woman. She is noted for many traits, but obedience is not one of them.

Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah, was a combination of her father's

er, mother and Aunt Rachel. She was a little crafty in her amours and in consequence a terrible nuisance to her suitor. With Jacob for a father, to say nothing of the other side of the house, we can imagine she was equal to anything but certain obedience was not one of her traits of character.

Tamar is one of the prominent ladies of the Bible. Her father-in-law, Judah, attempted to defraud her of her rights. (This has been a propensity of the father-in-law ever since). Did she consent? Not at all. She brought Judah to terms and made him give her "his signet and bracelets and staff as a pledge of his good faith."

Tamar was the original pawn broker of the world. But trouble rose again between Tamar and her father-in-law and Judah in his affection for her, ordered her to be burnt. Did Tamar obey? No, she objected and she wasn't burnt. Now, along comes Potiphar's wife casting goo-goo eyes at Joseph. She managed her husband and made him cast Joseph ("who was pure as ice and chaste as snow") into prison, and she had her revenge by letting him stay there for two years.

Potiphar's wife may be one of the "holly women of old," but she was not obedient.

The kings of Egypt issued an order to the Hebrew midwives to kill all the Jew boy babies, but to save the girl babies alive. (There is a lot of regret and disappointment over the birth of girl babies in this day. Boy babies are at a premium, as they were in that day).

Did the midwives obey the king? No indeed, they threw dust in the king's eyes, kept the boy babies alive and laughed among themselves at the trick they had played. But for this, Moses would never have lived to frame laws, or been reproved by Zipporah, his wife, with the words, "Surely a bloody husband art thou to me," or to have "murdered an Egyptian" and "hid his body in the sand," or to have led the children of Israel, or been a model of meekness.

Think of what the disobedience of women did for the world in this case.

The daughter of Zelophehad, it seems to me, were born before their time. If they were living to-day they would doubtless be practicing law in the supreme court. They demanded their father's possessions, became their own lawyers, argued their own case before Moses and won it.

The women of the Bible did not care a fig for Paul's shall-not-speak-in-meeting command. They talked when and where they pleased, demanded their own rights, and got it.

Paul had evidently never read the Old Testament. After Thecla flitted him he remained an old bachelor and knew about as much about women as did about electricity.

Women and electricity are mighty dangerous to mix with, if you don't know how to manage them. A live woman and live wire each have ways of their own.

Deborah and Judith swayed the destinies of the ancient Hebrews. As such slight reference is made of their hands, they do not count. It is quite evident these women not only ruled their own households, but all the households of their nation.

Of all the men in the Bible one would suppose Samson would have had his own way, but he didn't. As he had strength enough to carry away the gates of Gaza, would think he would have had strength enough to have managed a few poor weak women. But he didn't. The little Philistine girl, the lady from Gaza (the less said about her the better), and Delilah, these three! His obedience to these women made of him a sorry spectacle before the ages.

What about the witch of Endor? The Bible does not say whether she was "fair to look upon," or not, but whether "beautiful to behold" or not, she was mighty to command, for she commanded Samuel, a dead man, to come out of his grave, and Samuel came.

No commander on record except the witch of Endor ever issued orders to the living and the dead, but the inspired words says she did, and they obeyed. Samuel and Saul could both testify to this.

To my mind "Michael, the daughter of Saul," is the most remarkable woman in sacred or any other kind of history. She is most remarkable for two things. The Bible says 1st Samuel 15:20: "Michael, Saul's daughter, loved David."

This is the first authentic official record we have of a woman loving a man. The second is to my mind the greatest miracle in the Bible laying Jonah and the whale and all others in the shade. The sixth chapter 23rd verse and 2nd Samuel says: "There fore Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no child unto the day of her death." Then the 21st chapter and 8th verse of 2nd Samuel says: "But the king

took the two sons of Rizpah, and the five sons of Michal, daughter of Saul, and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites." If "Michal the daughter of Saul, had no child unto the day of her death," then it is an axiom that the "five sons of Michal, daughter of Saul, who were delivered to the Gibeonites," were born after Michal's death. The Virgin Mary having an immaculate conception and bearing one son while she was living, pales into insignificance before Michal, who had five post mortem conceptions and bore five sons after she was dead. There is precious little consolation in this to the women who have borne large families in this life, that they are dead, and started on their journey to their heavenly home.

Wonderful Michal! She has been overlooked in making up the list of canonized Bible heroines. In my opinion her name should head the list. A woman who bore five sons after she was dead, discount all the exploits of warriors, patriarchs, prophets, priests and kings recorded in the Holy Bible. Another Bible miracle that has been overlooked is the fact in the 4th chapter of 2nd Kings, where "Elisha made a dead boy sneeze seven times." The old woman laden with Abrahamic faith said she would rather believe the Bible than the truth any day, and she has plenty of company of the female persuasion. One of Saul's wives, who was the mother of Jonathan, must have been a lady with a will of her own, for Saul said to his son Jonathan, "Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman."

The Bible says that "There was a woman whose name was Bathsheba, and as King David was walking on the roof of his palace he saw Bathsheba taking a bath and fell in love with her. It always seemed a queer proceeding to me for a man to take a walk on the roof of his house, and a woman to take a bath in public. There were some queer proceedings in Bible days. David is the only man on record who ever fell in love with a woman while she was taking her bath, and Bathsheba was quite an appropriate name for her.

Bathsheba must have been very attractive, for she had a husband, Uriah by name, when David fell in love with her, and Bathsheba reciprocated.

David sent Uriah to the front of the battle and had him killed, so he could marry his wife, and the mission and obedience of the wife was manifested by her helping David put Uriah out of the way. It was the fashion in those days for one man to kill another in order to get possession of his wife, and "David, the man after God's own heart," indulged in this pastime.

The history of Abigail shows that she was a ruler in the domestic domain, and the warm hearted and godly David seemed to have bestowed some of his attentions on her with regard to Abigail. "See, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person."

In ten days from that time, "The Lord smote Nabal that he died." Nabal was Abigail's husband. David was an expert at putting men to rest pretty wives out of the way and who knows but he might have had some help from the omen as there were no detectives in those days.

Naomi and Ruth loom up in scripture, and the preacher holds them up as models and the discouraging thing about it is that women do just such preaching without a protest.

The truth is, Naomi was an old widow who was a designing, wire pulling match-maker, and Ruth as a young widow that wanted a rich husband and as one did not present himself, she went after him.

Naomi and Ruth had experience in the art of trapping husbands. Boaz was rich, and old enough to have reached the years of discretion. Naomi had one eye on him and Ruth had two. How could Boaz escape? Ruth went on his head to glean to make him believe that she was industrious. This may have been a suggestion of Naomi's, but it captured the old man, and Ruth became Mrs. Boaz. I never believed that Ruth was as madly in love with her mother-in-law as we are taught to believe, for the reason that when she had nowhere else to go as a penniless widow, Ruth said to Naomi, "Treat me not to leave thee, or return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

As soon as Ruth got a rich husband she did not follow after Naomi any more, and she got a new lodging place and a new god.

If Ruth was madly infatuated with her mother-in-law it is the only case in ancient or modern record, for ever since the wedding of Adam and Eve one prominent feature of the marriage system has been for the husband to hate the wife's people, and the wife to return the compliment.

The bad traits of children, the

father says are inherited from the mother, and the mother says they are inherited from the father.

Bible men and women started this fashion, and it has been kept up to this very day.

Of course, the match of Ruth and Boaz was made in heaven. The Bible says that Naomi gave Ruth some instructions that she cannot record here. Naomi was doubtless selected by heaven to help on the matchmaking business.

From the number of mistakes in holy wedlock, the heavenly matchmaker must have studied the matchmaking contract to earthly incompetency.

If these women with their questionable methods of obtaining a husband are held up to women as models, the sooner they are deposed, the better for society.

And now comes Vashli, the glorious Persian Queen. We get but a glimpse of this woman in connection with the life of Esther. Now Esther paraded her charms before the drunken King Ahasuerus to take the place of Vashli, who, the Bible says, was the most beautiful woman in Persia.

We can not testify as to her beauty but we can testify that she is the grandest character in Bible history. When King Ahasuerus, the husband of Vashli, ordered her to appear before the drunken king and his drunk courtiers Vashli asserted her womanhood and refused at the risk of her life.

All honor to the noble Vashli! She who defied destiny, who set customs and laws at naught, who refused to yield the sacred rights of her womanhood to a brutal husband, even though he was a king. Little is said in the pulpit about Vashli, while Esther, who was an intriguing, infamous woman, is canonized in pulpit platitudes, and in song and story.

Eve and Vashli were the founders of the "Woman's Rights" movement in this world.

These two Bible women are held up by the clergy as terrible examples of disobedient and ungodly women. Yet after 1900 years of preaching the doctrine of silence and obedience to women, the example of all other Bible women is a dead letter and the example of Eve and Vashli is being followed by more women to-day than all the characters in scripture, and the fact is admitted that women was never so elevated as she is to-day. All honor to Eve and Vashli! They did not live in vain.

Hannah is immortalized because she "made a little coat for her son Samuel." There are millions of women to-day not making coats for their little sons, but furnishing the goods and making whole suits for worthless husbands and grown sons.

Dorcas made clothes for the poor. Millions of women to-day are making clothes for the rich and the rich starvation prices that they are forced to sell their virtue for bread. Peter, it is written, raised Dorcas from the dead and then she died again.

In this Dorcas was an unusual woman, but it is hardly probable that there is a poor, weary, underpaid seamstress on the earth, who would like to follow the example of Dorcas. They have found in the bitterness of life that "one burning and one dying" is enough.

The Jewish maiden, known as Jephthah's daughter was not considered worthy of a name, and the wife of Jesse, mother of David, and the wife of Monah, the mother of Samson, had no names of their own, yet the mothers of the champions of the pining in this day are known by name throughout Christendom.

Little is said in scripture about Mary, the "Mother of Christ." It is written that she was a virgin and bore a son by the Holy Ghost. Certainly no woman since that time has been able to defy the law of nature, and follow the example. Mary became the wife of Joseph, the carpenter, and had a number of other children.

The New Testament gives two genealogies of Christ, one said to be on Mary's side of the house and the other on Joseph's. Though why the genealogy of the son of a ghost should be traced through Joseph, it is not easy to see. The art of tracing the genealogy of ghosts may not have been known in that day and is not in this. Luke 1:4, says that "Joseph was of the house and lineage of David," and "Jesus, the son of Mary is called the Son of David."

Certain it is the Christian world has accepted the Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth as the most trustworthy women of all time. Of course the dream and visions of Joseph and Zacharias her testimony to the immaculate conceptions of these divinely favored cousins.

Nineteen hundred years of Christianity have not produced a single woman whose integrity would not be questioned if she made such a claim. Mr. Madison, one of the unfortunates of earth, seemed to have some

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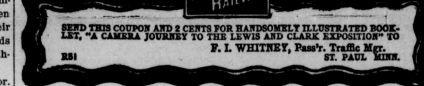
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lovable traits of character. Certainly it is, she was the most loyal friend Jesus had, yet after all, her loyalty and devotion, after His resurrection, Christ said to her: "Touch me not!"—just what the world says to-day to its outcast women.

If the women to-day should follow the example of either of the Bible Marys, they would be anathema, maranatha in both church and society.

The most valuable stock in trade of the clergy in preaching to their female congregations, is the story of Mary and Martha. It has been worn to a frazzle, but it has done splendid service in keeping women in the line of duty prescribed by the pulpit.

Martha is noted for her good house-keeping and Mary for her entertaining qualities. The examples of these women have been followed and vastly improved on. The world is full of good housekeepers and entertaining women. The pulpit cry of the centuries has been "giving to the Lord." Housekeepers and society women have been held in line by the Martha and Mary sermon. Many a woman has roasted herself over a hot stove cooking for church suppers or to entertain her preacher. Many a woman has tramped the streets gathering donations for her church or wrestled with church fairs, grab bags and church lotteries until every bone in her body ached and her vitality and shoes were worn out.

Women have done everything from getting up a swell dinner to scrubbing the floor of the "meetin' house," from singing an oratorio to dancing the "Kiss-Kiss" for the church, and the blessed privilege of being instructed to take Bible women as their example and "remain in silence and obedience," when Bible women did nothing of the sort.

Dear women, did it never occur to you that the preachers are fooling you, if not, they are to be pitied. Read and read for yourselves what Bible men and women did and said. Let me suggest that you "enter into your closet," and you need a handkerchief to hide your blushes.

There are many other women who play their parts in the Bible drama, among them are all the wives and

consequences of the holy patriarchs and prophets and the one thousand ladies who had a share in Solomon's affections.

Most of the women of the Bible are of the no-name series, and with few exceptions are a sorry lot; but doubtless they did as well as they could considering the fathers and husbands they had. If a delegation of Bible women could attend a Woman's Club in the United States to-day the Bible women would resolve that they had been born too soon, and the club women would pass a resolution that for the good of the human race the Bible women should not have been born at all. Bible women are mostly celestial.

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brated for having been "gathered to their fathers."

The death and burial place of so remarkable a woman as Eve is not mentioned. Eve certainly could not have been "gathered to her fathers," for she had none. Adam's grave has been kept green for six thousand years, for Mark Twain wept at Adam's grave.

Women are oblivious to the fact that it is canon law which requires them to cover their heads in church as a token of their inferiority and subjection to man. This degrading law may not dignify woman, but it has helped the millinery business. The origin of this command is found in Genesis iv.

There we are told that the "sons of God" took as wives the daughters of men, and begat us giants who were instrumental in bringing about the flood. The rabbis held that the way of the sons of God (that is, the angels) got possession of women, was by seducing them by their hair; so they commanded women to cover their heads in public so they might not be captured. All other commands for the silence and subjection of women are on a par with this absurd old story.

A little investigation, questioning and rebellion among the women of the church would astonish them and work a speedy revolution in church canons and customs.

We hear in sermons only of the meekness of Moses and faith of Abraham, the wisdom of Solomon, the goodness of David, and so on and so forth, but the clergy should proclaim the whole gospel of God as they are commanded to do by the sermonizing on all the other peculiarities and propensities of Bible men and women who are held up as models for the human race.

It is taught that woman brought sin into the world and is at the bottom of all wrong doing in the world. If this is so, woman is the most dangerous element in society and should be gotten rid of.

Paul says that "man is the image and glory of God. For the man is not of woman, but the woman of the man; neither was the man created for the woman but the woman for the man."

Of course we can all see that woman is a perfectly unnecessary creature, and man could get along very well without her. St. Paul says as much, but he rather qualifies this statement when he says "We are fools for Christ's sake."

Women of the old time and the new time have been, and are an enigmatical element. Statistics record that 91 per cent of all criminals in Christendom belong to the sex to which the "sons of God" belong.

This does not mean, very well for the morals of the only sex of which angels are made, but it does speak volumes for the influence and shrewdness of the "daughters of men" to cause all the sin in the world and evade the law themselves, and make the "sons of God" the women.

Bible women are not models for the women of to-day.

The thought that possesses me is this: "What can women see in the Christian religion for themselves? I can see why some men might be Christians because they can secure place, power, profit and title, but what there is in it for women is more than I can divine. There for men, there is a Bible promise of being made angels in heaven. Of course there is some inferior and mean among men, but doubtless in the new Jerusalem, they will be divided into winged seraphs and swamp angels, just as in this world they are divided into saints and sinners, common clay and the affluents of the earth.

The Bible promises nothing, and no mention is made that there will be any female seraphs in the angel throng. Holy writ gives men alone a passport through the pearly gates of the heavenly city. The Bible says explicitly "It is not good for man to be alone," yet the church to-day is a female institution. All men in heaven, and all women in the church on earth. Strange, ain't it? The average woman makes a fetish of the Bible, and a God of her preaching, but she does not understand either one of them. The preacher interprets the Bible for women. All the absurdities and cruelties veiled in liturgies and sermons, are explained to trusting female Christians as "Divine Mysteries." The truth is, women have been fed on "Divine Mysteries" so long that they are the most mysterious creatures on earth. I ought to understand them because my grandmother, mother, and all my female relations were women, and I am a woman myself, but I don't. For the most part women are good hearted creatures, but they fall in judgment when you strike them on religion. The true Christian woman believes in the infallibility of her preacher. He defines her sphere and she proceeds to walk therein. Her

sphere is silence and subjection, and her duty is to devise catch penny devices to bring in the shekels and lay them on the altar of the Lord. Women never know their own minds. They obey the church as they are commanded. They are until the appeal is made for the collection, then her spiritual advisor gets off something after this fashion:

O woman! woman, dear beloved and tenderly esteemed woman, how much of our comfortable comfort do we owe to thy unselfish serving in the kitchen at home, and in the basement and scullery of the church. How many theological students rise up and call you blessed for your willingness to educate them to be your preachers. How well you have filled your womanly sphere as teachers to Indians where your scalp was in danger, or Feepees who relish quartered missions as much as we do saddle rocks with liquid trimmings. Yes, dear sister, you have well built up our congregations to wit: we are glad to hear you preach. O woman! pure, noble, holy, superlatively fine, and expletive, your superior woman, your bountiful duty is to give generously of your labor and here, that we men of God may carry on our work amidst the heathen at home, and the pagans abroad. Set to work dear sisters as we men direct. If by seeing the pennies out of your own pockets, or cajoling or managing your husbands into giving (as if it were really their own spontaneous desire) that no preacher would dare read it to his congregation. Bible women are a sorry lot. The Bible values woman chiefly for her anatomy and because she is a race preserver.

If this falls under the eye of any Christian woman let me beg of you to "enter into thy closet, and when thou hast entered in," open your holy Bible and read in the light of reason the doom pronounced on woman that thunders from Sinai; read what the "Lord spoke unto Moses" in the fifth chapter of Numbers; read the thirty-first chapter of Numbers, and keep turning the leaves of "God's word" and find countless passages concerning women which are too diabolical to go in print at this time. Take these dear sister to your preacher and ask him to call a meeting "for women on" and explain these commands of the Lord, concerning the mothers of the race. Do you think, dear sister, there is a preacher in Christendom who would dare do it? Not one.

Keep on searching the scriptures dear sister, that is a Bible command, and if your preacher will not interpret the diabolisms against your sex, be a self-respecting woman and interpret them for yourself, then read the word of Christendom, and you will come face to face with the truth, that Christian women are the slaves of a superstition that degrades them.

The 20th century woman wants the realization of grand ideals, she wants knowledge, truth and liberty, and by the exercise of her liberty and reason and splendid courage, she is getting what she wants.

O woman! rise in thy majesty; drive the dark shadows of falsehood and injustice to their lair; cast down the idols and enthroned the truth. "The truth shall make you free!"

"There is nothing so regal as Reason. And nothing so royal as Truth."

Versailles, Kentucky.

A LETTER AND ARTICLE THAT TELL THEIR OWN TALE.

Locust Ranch, Okla., July 6, 1905.

Dear Brother:—I have noticed your article in the Blue Grass Blade of June 11th, E. M. 305, wherein you request articles for publication on the subject of happiness.

This is truly an all important subject to every intelligent being.

I have devoted years of study and experiment along this line, with what little brains I may, or may not, possess, and I gladly write some of the results of my investigations for the Blade, which you can publish if you consider them worthy. However I cannot encompass the subject in a very small article.

Personally, I am a very happy—not perfectly so, but very nearly so. This is the opinion of all who know me, and is frequently commented on by my friends.

I am not wealthy; I am as ugly as the editor of the Blue Grass Blade, I was paralyzed at two years of age, and ever since then, 25 years, I have been totally helpless, physically, have to be carried like a baby, and weigh only sixty-six pounds. I can use my right arm sufficiently to write; hold a book and do a little art work. I have been told these facts to demonstrate that happiness is superior to all physical conditions, and all conditions except one, and that is brain weakness or exhaustion.

If this letter interest you, and you desire, I will write some for a subsequent issue, entitled "How to Be

Happy." I should like to hear from others on this subject. I have read the Blade for years, but this all important subject has been neglected.

Your truly, a wholly true, and happy man.

"SIX SHOT SHORTER."

WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

Happiness is a vibration of the fifth magnitude, contentment a vibration of the third, and ecstasy of the seventh magnitude; and at five hundred vibrations, all colors, all odors, all sensations, and all emotions of the human being are vibratory.

Man's brain generates a dynamic or electrical force which is dispersed by the nervous system, to all parts of the body, according to their various requirements. I will compare man's brain to a steam boiler; stands close by when it has about twenty pounds pressure and you can feel only a slight vibration from the power without any evidence that the brain power is at all distinctly, and at five hundred pounds you can feel every part of your body vibrate synchronously with the great compressed force in the boiler. You cannot run with only twenty pounds pressure in your mental boiler and be happy, it will not develop any vibration at all as the class of the fifth magnitude.

Mental work exhausts our brain power, more rapidly than physical. This can be demonstrated by observing children, who, when playing cease to be happy, and their bodies more according to their proportionate strength, than adults do working, but their minds are not overtaxed, and they are a happier class than adults; even a jumpy head is soon forgotten. Everything seems great, good, and glorious to a child, they are happy and adults, always speak of the happy times of childhood as the greatest period of their lives; but as they become older they are forced to study, and the all important force of life is utilized more rapidly than generated.

From school to business, the throttle is entirely open. There is worry, strife, competition, plotting, planning and midnight work. Now the fires are burning lower in the furnace, the hand on the indicator dial is steadily moving backward and will soon indicate that all is cold and still within. The average business man of middle age has not enough steam left in his boiler to "blow out the mind valve."

The laws of nature provide for all natural exhaustion in the natural course of events, but our present high civilization is not the natural course of mankind and nature is unable to supply the demand.

Civilization practically destroys happiness; first, by exhausting the energy of Christianity, and the action of which is happiness. Second, by creating thousands of artificial appetites, the indulgence of which by the few wealthy who can afford it, ruins them, and grieves and worries the impoverished masses who cannot indulge in the so-called luxuries.

Civilization destroys happiness by unnatural injuries, and idiotic dress, unsanitary homes and food, dissipation of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, sexual abuse and thousands of exciting and enervating pastimes. The men are slaves to business and work, the women to the insane demands of society, the children are forced into school and their brains weakened, when they should be running wild in the grass. These and all other unnatural condition and habits are increasing and extending continually, and have been so for ages past.

These conditions affect every generation to a great extent and by the law of heredity have weakened the offspring until to-day children are so degenerated they cannot enjoy any pastime that is not very artificial, and a whole people are not as happy as seventy-five years ago.

We notice people who are as perfectly physically, mentally and morally as seems possible, and have all that wealth, education and social position can bestow, and are yet very unhappy. This is inherited to more or less extent.

Any observant person can realize that happiness does not depend on wealth, health, physical perfection, education, social position, or geographical location. Consequently happiness is some inherent, personal quality which exists within the organism of man, and affects all his surrounding conditions and circumstances. Not grand and favorable conditions which affect the inner man and by a reactionary principle, produce happiness.

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only proper conduct for the human mind to be free from intrinsic selfishness.

This does not produce much if any happiness for ourselves, but does for others and makes the world better, whereas, if our morality is intrinsic it generates for us the same vibration as happiness, and is thus correlative.

You ask, "Is there any way of being good except to do good?"

Yes, a mirror may reflect the sun but it is not the sun. The power of the sun is not in the mirror. Good people always do good, and the sun always shines. Some people are moral from long and difficult self-training only, their goodness is only the reflection of righteousness from the brilliancy of their minds. The sun, the vibration of morality, happiness, universal love is not there. A cloud can come between the sun and mirror and the reflection is gone, all is now dark, cold and unhappy.

By saying unhappiness is the result of a specific mental weakness, I do not mean the intellectual part. There are people who never uttered a wise sentence or perhaps thought an intelligent thought, who have exhausted their minds by continual jabbering and thinking. The average mind is never rested, even during sleep they dream. Any one can realize that if they would work their hand night and day it would soon become paralyzed, but never think of resting the brain.

You ask, "Is there any way whereby people can make themselves happy?"

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While I have never since I have taken the Blade, taken great pleasure in reading it, in all of its former number, since I have been a subscriber, none have been so interesting, and af

forded me as much pleasure as the last six numbers.

The "new idea," under which you are now publishing it, will, most certainly add to its interest and usefulness and doubtless will add many new subscribers to your subscription list.

The subject of happiness is a great one and is a scientific proposition. Its first requisite is temperance. A person without a temperament for happiness will never be happy.

Nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus asserted of the "golden rule" and taught its observance with a promise of happiness, but not in this world, and that made it a dead letter so far as happiness in this world is concerned.

At times he did not keep it himself. With a temperament for happiness, environment will have no great effect upon it.

With these thoughts I close

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## SETTLEMENT OF THE SCHOOL QUESTION

(From the Southern Messenger).  
In his sermon at the opening of the Knights of Columbus convention in Los Angeles, Archbishop Montgomery pointed out several ways in which the order might be made a power for good almost beyond computation. One of these, and not the least important, is energetic co-operation with the Church in the cause of Christian education.

"Go to the American people, our fellow citizens, with this proposition, namely, that we do not want to destroy our public school system, but to broaden and deepen it. That we want every child in the land educated, that we do not want any division of the school fund, pro rata; that secular and religious education must go along together for all those who want it, whilst secular training only shall remain for those who prefer it so, that the State shall pay for secular education, but not one cent for religious instruction."

"And how shall this be done? I answer: Let the State prescribe the kind and degree of secular instruction desired. Let it examine teachers and examine the work they do, and whenever the required education in secular branches be imparted, let the State pay for it, no matter whether given in a school under agnostic, Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian or Jewish control."

"This is fair, this is honest, and by it the State will receive all that it gets in the system at present, and besides there will be preserved in the land those religious principles—fundamental to the Government—as Washington taught."

His Grace urged the knights to use their influence in forming, among their fellow-citizens, a public sentiment that will listen to this reasonable appeal. He went on to dispose of the "nonsectarian" cry, in the following style:

"The one great claim made for our system of public instruction and which catches the eye of the multitude is that it is and must be nonsectarian, owing to the diversity of religious beliefs amongst us. As a matter of fact it is not and never has been nonsectarian. The only persons absolutely satisfied with it, without some modification, are those who are not religious, or those who in some sense are hostile to it."

"Most of the religious denominations want more religion in the schools. Hence that large population alone that I have named, which for convenience sake we may call 'agnostic,' are entirely satisfied with it. Now, agnosticism is today, in the intent of the law, just as much a sect as is Methodism or any other denomination. In other words, agnosticism expresses the religious belief of the agnostic, which is negative, as Methodism expresses the religious belief of the Methodist, which is positive. We are perfectly willing that the agnostic school shall remain as the agnostic, and would fight for his rights as such, and these rights are provided for in the plan proposed. But we are not willing that an agnostic system should be forced upon the whole people—just as we would object to the forcing of any other sectarian system upon the whole people."

"Throw open the work of education to free competition as you do the work of building a courthouse, and take the same measures in education to carry out the specifications as you do in the case of the courthouse, and just as you would not care whether the contractor said his prayers or performed your work, so neither as a civil body need you care whether anything else is taught or not, provided the required secular training be given."

"If say this is the American principle of fair dealing with all, and nothing short of it is."

Here, indeed, is a work that should appeal, not only to the Knights of Columbus but to all the Catholic laity, the work of forming a righteous public sentiment on a question of education, and continuing to press our views on the national conscience until the question is settled on the basis of honesty and justice.

The above from a big Catholic paper published in San Antonio, Texas, under the "approbation" of two Rt. Rev. D. D.'s, and it was sent me with the above marked in it.

As between Catholic and Protestants, as such, the Catholics have been kinder to me. No Catholic, so far as I know, has ever sanctioned any of the various imprisonments of me. A big fat Catholic priest full of good liquor and fine grub was my

friend when I was in the penitentiary in Columbus where he came as special chaplain to his people, and I, an atheist, was the only man in the penitentiary who was not a Catholic that he took any interest in.

The only preacher that I have seen in 40 years, that I loved was an Irish Catholic priest named Martin Mahoney, he and I being prohibitionists together.

But I have no more confidence in the Southern Messenger than in any other paper that carries liquor and saloon advertisements as it does. It advertises one grocer who sells "meat, lard and supplies for the church."

The supplies for the church are the crackers and liquor that the priests, plainly sustained by the New Testament, say are the actual flesh and blood of Jesus Christ.

The priests give to the people the "dash" that is made by brewers and bakers, while the priests swing all the blood that comes out of grapes and is allowed to ferment until it becomes "bug juice" that changes a man into a vehicle by making him "a little buggy."

"His Grace" as meaning a preacher, will be applied to Campbellite preachers in Lexington just as soon as they get the people thoroughly trained in calling them "Rev. Dr. Soandso, D. D."

This son put up by the Messenger is very specious and plausible, but it simply means in plain English, that the Catholics having despaired of getting the Catholic Bible into the public schools would rather turn the whole thing over to Jews and infidels than allow the Protestant Bible to go into the public schools.

Their pretense that they "do not want any division of the school fund, pro rata" is not true. They demanded such a division of the city school fund in Lexington, and had their separate schools, and if they did not have such a division of all public school funds it would be because they could not get it, or did not believe that the Catholic church could have as good schools as all the others combined.

It is no more true that agnostics are a sect than that Kentuckians, or Democrats or butchers are a sect. Secularism is a word that has no meaning apart from religion, and agnostics are opposed to religion.

The trend of all Protestantism is to Catholicism. Episcopalians are becoming Catholics, and all Protestants as far as they become rich and fashionable are becoming Episcopalians, and Campbellites are affecting the style of Episcopalians, and if ever the Catholics get in power, as they are, likely to do with Roosevelt to help them, the Catholic Bible will be the main book in all public schools.

## SUICIDE OF AN INFIDEL AND A PREACHER

Manatee, Fla., July 3rd, 1905.  
Charles C. Moore:

This section has lost two Free-thinkers by death in the last few months, both Swedes.

The first was Hans Madison, a carpenter. He was past middle age and in bad health and discouraged. He went from here to Tampa and, not improving any, went out to the railway and as the train passed by got down and placed his head on the rail and was killed by the wheels.

The other was A. P. Young. He also was getting old and had not been able to work for several years. He died yesterday of consumption. I was with him several times each week for two years. As the disease progressed he wished the more for death, realizing that his usefulness and the enjoyment of his life had passed, but he had no anxiety or fear about the future. I was with him when he died. Except a few long gasping breathes he passed away as one going to sleep, seeming to have no pain. Both were quiet, peaceable and honest men and as long as they were able to work were good workers.

The preachers may howl about Madison's suicide but they can not honestly assail their characters. Neither can they tell of any horror they had of death, or dread of the future, consequently they will say nothing of them here, whatever they may tell about them in some other section of the country.

I am waiting anxiously for Dr. Wilson's book. ANDREW COOK.

In the same mail in which that came was a letter from Fort Smith, Arkansas, containing a clipping from the Fort Smith Times, telling of the suicide of Rev. Frank M. Keen, of the Methodist church, who seems to have been a good man.

If your subscription is due we wish you would please remit and enclose the postage of notifying you.

Send in your subscription NOW.

## A LETTER AGAINST THE RICH.

I have received the following extract from "What he will do with it," by Alfred Henry Lewis, in Cosmopolitan for July, 1905:

"Let us consider young Mr. Rockefeller in connection with that famous Bible class. The church has ever been the hunting ground of hypocrites, and it is the Bible that most warns us against scribe and pharisee. The word remembering how often Satan clothes his servants in the liveliest of heaven, sniffs at every pretense of religion, and particularly when made in a loud voice and by a very rich man; for the wary old world bears in mind that nine times in ten when it bought a gold brick the goods came wrapped in a tract."

To those readers of the Blue Grass Blade who can get at the Cosmopolitan, the whole article is well worth reading.

WILLIAM COOPER.

Milo Maine.

Chanute, Kansas, July 9, 1905.

Blue Grass Blade:

Dear Friends—I herewith enclose you a sweet "Bible," to pay for the Blade from last May to May 1906.

I am now in my 70th year and I am well and happy, as I make myself, by doing right because it is right, toward my fellow-man.

I believe in being temperate in all things, because that will keep us healthy and happy. I believe all that is always was, and always will be; no beginning, no end, no God or future state of existence.

My object in life is to do all the good I can, here and now, for the betterment of animals as well as of human kind.

Now Brother Moore, I am going to try to live so that I may reach my 100 years, and as you are younger than I am I hope you will do the same.

How I would like to step into your home at "Quakeracore" and have a talk with you and your good wife. Love to all. C. E. ALEXANDER.

Come to see me right away or any time. I would rather have you for my guest, than to have Edward VII.

We believe exactly alike and I would rather have all the men and women like you in sympathy with me, than have our friend Teddy's job.

It is early in the morning and just as soon as I finish this and drop it in the mail box (R. F. D.) I am going to help to harvest our oat crop. I have fine health, but some times I get down in spirits and feel like a poor fellow.

I believe I would stand a chance to live one hundred years if I wanted to, and if I can just get enough people to stand by me, as you are doing, to pay for the publication of the Blade I will soon be live one hundred years and will try to do so.

The fate of dear old Brother and Sister Green, editors of "The Free-thought Magazine," that we infidels let suicide because they were starving, and the fate of Watson Weston, and of Dr. Hammer, that "Liberal" so neglected and are still neglecting, so discourages me that I don't know how long I will live.

Leeburg, Fla., July 12, 1905.

Blue Grass Blade:

Dear Messrs. Moore and Hughes—

I called at your office and had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hughes, but not the great Charles C. Moore.

I am a dealer in Southern fruits, and take orders for oranges. Coming to Lexington as a combination of business and pleasure, and more of the latter. I hope I shall be fortunate enough to shake hands with Mr. Moore this summer. He can tell me ideas of things better than I can.

We have a handful of infidels in our neck of the woods. Some are too honest to say they are not, but they are not quite honest enough to tell the truth and say they are. Still they like to read the Blade. They say Mr. Moore is a good and honest man, and they admire the plain English he gives a fellow when he deserves it.

I like all of his writings. I don't know whether I am an infidel or not. I do not belong to any church. I call myself an infidel.

The meanest people I ever saw are church people. My dealings with anti-church people, all my life, has been more satisfactory than with church people.

The more fuss a man makes about his religion the more you ought to watch him in business.

The greater the Christian the meaner the man is my experience. I may not know what a Christian is, but I suppose it is one who belongs to the church and believes the Bible. Can a man be a devil and a Christian too? Christians say a hypocrite is not a Christian but where is the line? Who can tell the Christian from the hypocrite? They all look alike to me.

I will send you a box of oranges

when they are ripe.

If we don't meet in this life I do not care if we never meet at all. I am not consoled by any promise of meeting in another world.

Yours truly,  
W. F. BOZEMAN.

I am glad it's not Bozeman. A Christian is one who pretends to believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ. I have seen some good Christians and some bad infidels, but the real infidel is generally a good man and the worst people I have ever known were Christians.

Lexington, Ky., July 12, 1905.

Mr. Charles C. Moore:

Dear Bro.—Enclosed \$3.—two for B. G. B. and one for Dr. Wilson's book. The Blade has my best wishes. I hope that Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Closs and Dr. Wilson will not conclude, like Judge Ladd, that they have exhausted the subject of enlightening the world on priestcraft and superstition.

I don't know who suggested the term "yellow peril," but if the yellow masses had the greed for plunder that the Christians have, we certainly would be in danger.

The little Japs have demonstrated that they are, in war, our equals if not our superiors, and we had better try to educate and civilize our own people, before we send missionaries to them. The Russians relied upon prayer and the Japs on cannon and shells.

Respectfully,  
T. D. RUTLEDGE.

## NOT THE OSLER VIEW.

Al! nothing is too late

Till the tired heart shall cease to pal-

litate.

Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sopho-

cles

Wrote his grand Oedipus, and Simon-

Bore off the prize of verse from his com-

petes.

When each had numbered more than

four-score years;

And Theophrastus, at four-score and

ten,

Had but begun his characters of men;

Chaucer, at Woodstock with the night-

ingales

At sixty wrote the Canterbury Tales;

Goeth at Weimar, toiling to the last,

Completed Faust when eighty years

were past.

These are indeed exceptions; but they

show

How far the gulf stream of our youth

may flow

Into the Arctic regions of our lives,

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